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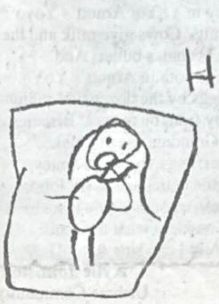

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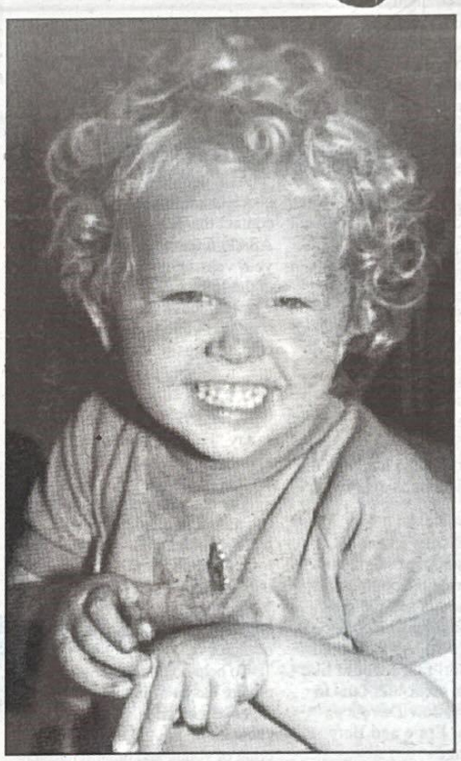

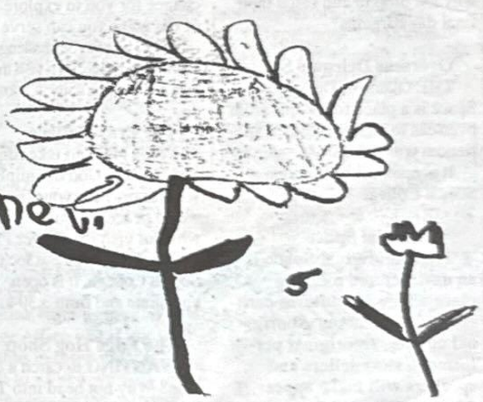

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Weather.... max 36, min 23 ..... rest of the week: 36 (still!) and sultry
Daves predictions: Darwin harbour: iceberg alert for all ships!

NCYC'95
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NCYC '95 MISSION STATEMENT

"To construct a community which so reflects the Kingdom of God that people will be changed."

Letters to The Editor

Letters can be submitted at the Convention Centre (Near Edgehog Shop) or Scotch College (L'Edgends Information Stand). Please keep them to around 200 words and supply us with your name and community.

Dear L'Eds

WE, THE superior community of NCYC '95, wish to protest about the obvious discrimination against Henley community.

First, we have to share our transportation with the rabble from West Beach.

Second, the bus is labelled *W* instead of *H*.

Third, our bus breaks down and we wait for ages at night.

And finally, it doesn't come at all in the morning!

If this mistreatment of Henley doesn't improve — we promise to bring in Jeff Kennett to buy TransAdelaide!

One of the Survivors of Henley

Dear L'Eds

I WOULD like to pass on some advice to Duffy regarding the riding of roller coasters.

Although there is a perception that the front carriage offers a better ride, roller coaster designers and fanatics generally agree that the best ride is in the back carriage.

The physics of a roller coaster lead to the fact that the front carriage undergoes much of its acceleration in the dips and the beginning of each uphill section. This provides little thrill compared to the back carriage, which experiences the greatest acceleration in the downhill sections and over the crests.

In effect the back carriage is whipped over the top of each crest, creating that great loss-of-stomach sensation. So Duffy, give the back carriage a try.

Gary Topic
Lincoln Community

Dear L'Eds

THE food at this year's NCYC is unsurpassed — a catering triumph that will long be remembered in Uniting Church history. Well done to those involved. Hip Hip Hoorah.

A veteran of three NCYCs

Dear L'Eds

WOULD you please ask the stage hands to stop smoking under the platform as it sends up clouds of smoke which threaten to envelop the whole centre!

We all know the people of Israel followed a pillar of cloud in the day, but it makes it all a bit hazy in the night ... someone might fall off the Edge, which could be very dangerous, or even challenging to their health.

Concerned, Quit now
(Sorry- we couldn't read your name —L'Eds)

Rap song

I HAVE a problem with "Man

has a Problem", so we have problems too ... The boys have a problem, and the girls have a problem too ... so why not say ...

"We have a problem" which solves your problem ... and then makes clear God's plan to solve our problem. By choosing this word *we*, which helps YOU and ME TOO ...

Problem Solved

Dear L'Eds

ORDINARILY I would begin this letter by complimenting the NCYC organisers and saying what a lovely city Adelaide is, what beautiful weather you have in SA, etc etc.

I came to Adelaide NCYC prepared to say nothing of the grievous loss of the Grand Prix from Adelaide to Melbourne to agree that the Adelaide Crows have the best looking footballers and are about to come into their own as an AFL team.

I was, to be brief, filled with goodwill for my South Australian sisters and brothers in Christ until the grave injustice committed against every true hearted Victorian at the opening rally for NCYC '95 on Sunday night.

As if we aren't already oppressed enough by the Kennett coalition government, the MC for the evening cruelly gagged what should have been a triumphant, yet non-self congratulatory roars that would say "We are Victorian — we are here!!" to all the other NCYC delegates.

Words cannot describe the crushing disappointment and outraged indignation I and many of my fellow Victorian sisters and brothers in Christ felt at such underhand tactics, from our previously trusted colleagues.

Old wounds have been reopened, the hatch was excavated in a brief and terrible moment. Unless a sincere remorseful apology is printed in the next issue of L'Edge, *Expect retribution!!!* (O.T. justice, that is).

A *vengeful*, lovingly, correcting Victorian, on behalf of Victorians everywhere

Dear L'Eds

I WOULD like to express my deep concern at your slanderous comments about David Gardiner and his self expression (i.e. listening to *Rubber Duckie* at 1 am). As a devoted Ernie and Bert fan, I would like to encourage any other fans to continue to follow Dave's example. I find Ernie and Bert very uplifting.

Love a fan
Steve Paterson
PS: I have a tape with Rubber Duckie in Spanish!

Dear L'Eds

MAY I express my concern over your letter (10/1/95) regarding David Gardiner playing *Rubber Duckie* at 1 am? I would say that it is a great time to be playing such a song (and it's true that the *Boogie Woogie Sheep* can help you dance to sleep!). After all, when you're on to a good thing — sing to it.

Fiona Gardiner

Dear LEds

IS THERE anyone out there who went to NCYC '85? I have been to six NCYCs since '85. As this is the 10th anniversary I would like to meet you, so put something in *L'Edge* as to where we can meet.

Peter Soet
Perth

Dear L'Eds

IN RESPONSE to the request for this tune in Thursdays *LEdge*:

Bees make honey and there's honey in YoYo/ Arnott's Yoyo Biscuits/ Cows give milk and the milk becomes butter/ And they're both in Arnott's YoYo.

Eggs by the dozen and runny honey from busy bees/ Biscuits like Grandma used to make./ Butter, eggs, milk and honey/ biscuits delicious/ to fill lots of dishes/Arnott's YoYo biscuits.

Goodness what a biscuit.
(And I can sing it, too!)

Kylie Johnston
Urrbrae Community

Dear L'Eds

GEEZ, Guys this is really great! The festival was the best! I am worried about all this state rivalry. Aren't we a *Uniting Church*? C'mon guys, we're so good 'cos we're Aussies! (The best).

Mick and the Sacred Heartians
PS: Victoria is still the best though!

Dear LEds,

THE Lord our God is a mighty and wonderful God. He has the power to do what He wills and to make what He wants to happen.

We should not be surprised by what He can do but so often we are, even at the smallest things He does we wonder, so how must the people of old have felt when they saw what our Lord did? Do not be surprised by what you see Him do because there are greater things yet to come.

It has already started here and as the wind blows the embers, so shall the fire spread. The young are like kindling easy to start and are then used to get the older "larger" ones going.

But our job does not finish with NCYC.

The main thing our fire needs is the wind and we must pray that the wind of the spirit continues to blow and causes the fire to roar into life and ensures that it continues to burn for many years to come.

Name given
Sacred Heart Community

What's on?

Crossbow Books

A FAN of Duffy Robbins? Then visit Crossbow at 12.30. Duffy will be signing books or anything you can get your hands on. Or maybe Mal Fletcher is more your scene? Then drop in between 3.30 and 5 pm to meet Mal.

It is the last day that Crossbow books will be open. So why not drop in and catch their final day bargains?

Overseas Delegate Space

THE Overseas Delegates Space is a place for people from overseas to chat and share experiences with others.

It is open each afternoon at Scotch College.

Aboriginal Space

THE Aboriginal Space is an unstructured meeting place where all cultures can meet to learn about Aboriginal culture. Aboriginal performers, story tellers and speakers will make appearances at different times.

It is open lunch times and late afternoons at Scotch College.

Hanging by a Thread

FEELING creative? Then come and let your creative juices flow. Come and try paper making, painting, collage, an much more. Open daily at Scotch College.

Mission Mart

MISSION Mart is a expo of opportunities for mission and service. It provides a great chance for you to explore some of the ways you can serve God.

If you want to be challenged and taken to the edge, then visit the Mission Mart. Open daily at Scotch.

The Prayer Place

WANTING to take time out and listen to God or simply want to pray for your friends, world peace and justice. Then why not visit the Prayer Place.

The Prayer Place is located at Scotch College. It is open lunchtime and from 3.30 to 5 pm.

The Edge Hog Shop

WANTING to catch a bargain? Why not head into The Edge Hog Shop? NCYC's biggest sale starts today. Be quick to grab the bargains. It is open daily at Scotch College.

NOTICES

Bus driver wanted

ALL people who drove a coach or minibus to NCYC *must* contact the Transport Task Group ASAP. *Especially* if we are using your vehicle during the week. Ask at the Information Centre for Drew Ames or Kevin Hayley and state that you are a driver. Please contact us as soon as possible.

To all Victoria delegates

WE JUST thought we'd write to say "Hi" and to let you know about what's happening in Victoria this year.

The changing nature of ministry, and in particular, youth ministry, has meant that we have been looking at different ways of working. So we are establishing the Youth Ministry Network. This will link Youth Ministry at all levels across the state.

To help do this, a Network Coordinator has been appointed. The first event of the Network will be a "new look" Youth Forum — a gathering of young and other interested people -- held March 10 to 13.

Talk to your minister or Presbytery youth contact if you are interested in coming.

As a result of the 1994 Synod a Year of Listening to Young People will happen in 1995 to listen to what young people have to say to the church. If you are interested in being part of this, contact the Youth Ministry Unit.

And that's not all! The YMU is moving. Some time after Easter we will be relocating to Oxley Road, Auburn. We hope that this will be a centre for youth ministry, where young people can gather, make use of the resources there. We'd love you to come and visit when we get there!

If you have any ideas about Youth Ministry, especially arising out of NCYC, then write them down and send them to us at 130 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000. We'd love to hear from you. Have a great NCYC.

Libby Renton, Tim Lake, Cheryl Lawrie, John Harvey, Cliff Barclay

To NSW delegates

GATHERING for *all* NSW delegates, Friday January 13, immediately after electives, in the Chapel.

Attention delegates!

Luggage

For Saturday morning to work smoothly your luggage will need to be packed and labelled, if possible, and ready for collection by TransAdelaide by the time you depart your community for Scotch College.

Luggage will be collected and placed in holding bays in the bottom car park at Scotch College in much the same way it was placed last Sunday.

The identifying feature will be your luggage label allowing us to keep your community luggage together.

Transport

TransAdelaide buses will not be returning to your community after the closing celebration.

People driving their own vehicles will need to pack and bring them to Scotch College. Like last Sunday parking, is available in the side streets but the lower car park will be reserved for interstate coaches.

Lost Property

Lost property found at communities by leaders will be available at the Lost Property office (Ledgends Information Centre) before the closing worship.

Refreshments

Food and drink may be purchased for lunch on Village Green afterwards.

Reconciliation was the special focus of NCYC'95 on Wednesday

How to meet your perfect match

by LISA CHAPMAN

SO NCYC has been better than you expected? You've met the person of your dreams? We here at *L'Edge* hope that all you newly formed couples out there have a lasting relationship.

To help you on your way, I have put together a little quiz for you both to do, and see just how much chance you have at surviving.

Question 1: You and your partner:

a) Are next door neighbours?

b) Live in the same state?

c) Live in the same country?

d) Haven't got around to asking each other that yet?

Question 2: You got together because:

a) They were in your food queue and hated peas too?

b) You found that after talking all afternoon, you really liked the person?

c) Your best friend and their best friend got together and it seemed really convenient?

d) You just connected and felt really good about it?

[If you answered (c) to above question, please pass quiz on to your friends when you're finished.]

Question 3: You have:

a) Already organised when you can next meet up?

b) No intention of ever seeing them again?

c) Nothing organized but if you run into each other in McDonalds you'll say "hi" and maybe *do* lunch?

d) Already become engaged and are planning the wedding?

Question 4: You plan to introduce your new partner to your parent(s):

a) Sometime in the not too distant future?

b) Sometime after NCYC, but before the year 2020?

c) We're eloping so maybe after that sometime?

d) Meet my parents???? Not likely!!!!

Question 5: They said they'd call you sometime tomorrow evening, you:

a) Keep picking up the phone to see if the dial tone is there, you wouldn't want them to not be able to call because the phone wasn't working?

b) Turn on the answering machine and go out on the date you had already arranged?

c) Ring Telecom at 6 pm because they haven't rung yet, and although the dial tone is working and you can call out, maybe people can't make incoming phone calls?

d) Wait for the phone to ring and then ignore it until it has rung 10 times before answering ... it never does to be too eager.

Question 6: They sprain their ankle the night before you are going out hiking. You:

a) Decide to go as you don't want to let the rest of the group down?

b) Sprain your ankle deliberately so that you match?

c) Stay home to look after them?

d) Were the one that put the banana skin there that they slipped on because you found someone better?

How did you score?

20-24: Either you were made for each other or you've done so many quizzes in your life that you know which answers to give to get the highest score.

If you're part of the former group, we'd really appreciate it if you could drop your name and postal address into the *L'Edge* office and we can send you a copy of our follow up quiz *Should we get married?*

13-19: You seem really suited to each other, you'll need to spend a bit more time getting to know each other better but that will come in time.

Good luck from us here at the *L'Edge* office and if you're still together in three months time write to us and we will send you a copy of the marriage quiz.

9-12: We're not saying that it's a hopeless cause (we would never be so negative) but it would take a lot of work to keep this relationship (if you could call it that) on the tracks.

6-8: Did you by any chance do this quiz with the first person you didn't know who walked into the room? There is probably no other person at NCYC you have less in common with. Do yourself a favour and pick the next stranger who walks past you.

HOW YOU SCORED

	1	2	3	4	5	6
A	4	2	3	3	2	2
B	3	4	1	2	4	4
C	2	1	2	4	1	3
D	1	3	4	1	3	1

3.30 - 4.45pm
Doors open 3.20pm

Lecture theatre, Building O
(Charlie's Retreat)

HOT HOUSE

TRANSPORT TIMETABLE

Friday January 10

Scotch College to Convention Centre

Allow 20 minutes to walk down Blythwood Road to Torrens Park Railway station. If you want to be served first for dinner, catch a early train!

Departure times:
4.35 pm,
4.50 pm,
5.05 pm,
5.20 pm.

TransAdelaide

GO THE WHOLE HOG

The folks at the Edgehog Shop are very concerned about the approaching winter. As Chris Dolman said "You can't wear your NCYC t-shirt in the middle of winter". So they have put together *The Hog Pack* to keep all you delegates warm during winter.

THE HOG PACK includes;
1 Windcheater
1 Mug
1 Keyring
1 Magnet
1 Sticker
1 Chocolate Eddie

In buying the Hog Pack for $30, you can make a saving of up to $16.

Okay so it's a shameless attempt to off load all their windcheaters which have not surprisingly stayed on the shelves this week. If you are interested in owning a *Hog Pack* then visit the Edgehog shop in either the Mission Mart at Scotch College, or in the foyer at the Convention Centre.

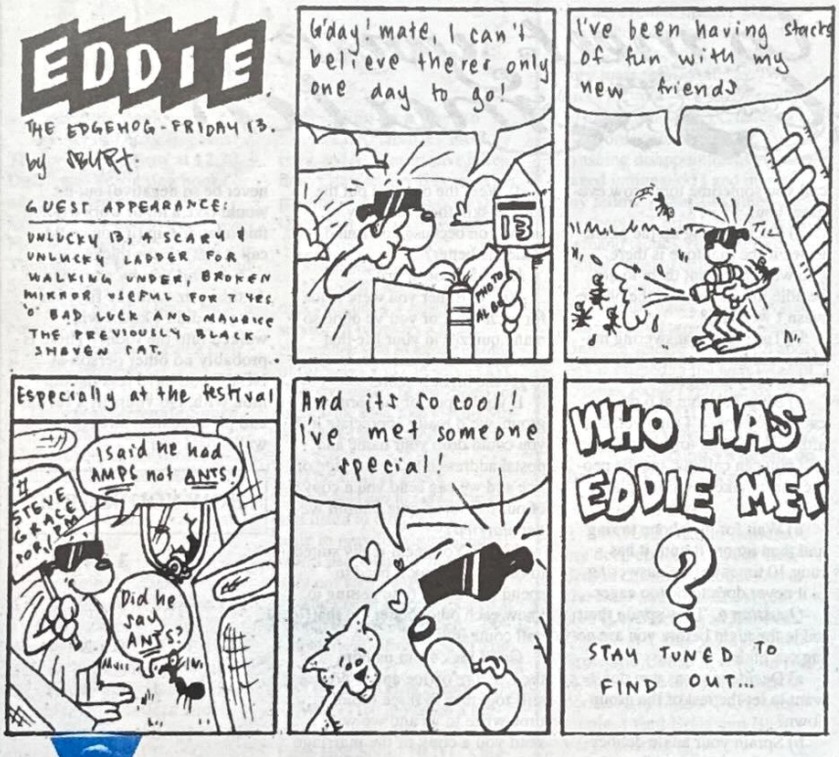
top 10

TOP 10 PICK UP LINES FOR NCYC
- By Lisa Chapman

1. Is your father a thief?...he stole the stars from heaven and put them in your eyes. *- Alan, Annesley.*
2. Are you tied?...you've been running through my mind all day. *- Alan, Annesley, again.*
3. So, do you come here often? *- Martyn, Annesley.*
4. Hi, married? *- Niki, Annesley.*
5. What's it like being the prettiest girl at convention? *- Matt, Annesley.*
6. The stars reflected in your eyes remind me of Paris after the war. *- Matt, Annesley, again.*
7. You have a really nice singing voice. *- Steph, Annesley.* (particularly effective at rallies).
8. Is this your first NCYC? *- Matt, Annesley, again.*
9. Hi do you want to come upstairs and see my newspaper collection? *- The L'Edge team, Annesley.*
10. I just came over to tell you you're beautiful. I'm not trying to pick you up or anything. I just wanted to tell you that you're beautiful. On a score out of 10 you're a definite 15. *- This was used on one of the L'Edge team on Wednesday night. We know you're out there somewhere.*

Prayer Points

- **ASK God to refresh the NCYC leadership team.**
- **PRAY that God opens young people to different views and ideas and help them work through these issues.**
- **PRAY for the refreshment of delegates, particulary in regards to the heat and their tiredness.**
- **PRAY that God be with Duffy as he prepares for the final evening rally.**


EDDIE
THE EDGEHOG - FRIDAY 13.
by BURT.
GUEST APPEARANCE:
UNLUCKY 13, A SCARY & UNLUCKY LADDER FOR WALKING UNDER, BROKEN MIRROR USEFUL FOR 7 YRS 'O' BAD LUCK AND MAURICE THE PREVIOUSLY BLACK SHAVEN CAT.
G'day! mate, I can't believe there only one day to go!
I've been having stacks of fun with my new friends
Especially at the festival
I said he had AMPS not ANTS!
STEVE GRACE POP! PAM
Did he say ANTS?
And it's so cool! I've met someone special!
WHO HAS EDDIE MET ?
STAY TUNED TO FIND OUT...

Youth Support Worker

Dernancourt Uniting Church
South Australia

Contract for 12 months (15 hrs per week)

The Dernancourt Uniting Church requires a Youth Support worker to assist the existing leadership of Church youth groups and clubs to:

- Develop relevant programs and contemporary worship.
- Provide pastoral support the leaders and individuals within these groups.
- Provide training and resources for leaders.

A full job description and Church profile will be available from 5th February 1995. Enquires after this date should be directed to the Church office Ph (08) 369 0802 on weekdays, AH (08) 261 7395.

Applications close 20th February 1995.

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